

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS**

AMANDA PERKINS, HEATHER C.	)	
HOLST, TERRY J. WILLIAMS, TANYA	)	
C. STANDIFER and KARLEY MAYHILL,	)	<b>CIVIL ACTION NO.:</b>
individually and on behalf of all others	)	
similarly situated,	)	
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Plaintiffs,	)	<b>CLASS ACTION COMPLAINT</b>
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v.	)	
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UNITED SURGICAL PARTNERS	)	
INTERNATIONAL, INC., THE BOARD	)	
OF DIRECTORS OF UNITED SURGICAL	)	
PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL, INC.,	)	
THE RETIREMENT PLAN	)	
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE OF	)	
UNITED SURGICAL PARTNERS	)	
INTERNATIONAL, INC., and JOHN	)	
DOES 1-30.	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

**COMPLAINT**

Plaintiffs, Amanda Perkins, Heather C. Holst, Terry J. Williams, Tanya C. Standifer and Karley Mayhill (“Plaintiffs”), by and through their attorneys, on behalf of the United Surgical Partners International, Inc. 401(k) Plan (the “Plan”),<sup>1</sup> themselves and all others similarly situated, state and allege as follows:

**I. INTRODUCTION**

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<sup>1</sup> The Plan is a legal entity that can sue and be sued. ERISA § 502(d)(1), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(d)(1). However, in a breach of fiduciary duty action such as this, the Plan is not a party. Rather, pursuant to ERISA § 409, and the law interpreting it, the relief requested in this action is for the benefit of the Plan and its participants. In addition, in 2019 the name of the Plan changed from the United Surgical Partners International Inc. 401(k) Plan to its current name, the Tenet Healthcare Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (“Tenet Plan”) with the Tenet Plan being the surviving Plan. Both will be referred to collectively here as the Plan.

1. This is a class action brought pursuant to §§ 409 and 502 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), 29 U.S.C. §§ 1109 and 1132, against the Plan’s fiduciaries, which include United Surgical Partners International, Inc. (“United Surgical” or “Company”), the Board of Directors of United Surgical Partners International, Inc. and its members during the Class Period<sup>2</sup> (“Board”) and the Retirement Plan Administration Committee of United Surgical Partners International, Inc. and its members during the Class Period (“Committee”)<sup>3</sup> for breaches of their fiduciary duties.

2. To safeguard Plan participants and beneficiaries, ERISA imposes strict fiduciary duties of loyalty and prudence upon employers and other plan fiduciaries. Fiduciaries must act “solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries,” 29 U.S.C. § 1104(a)(1)(A), with the “care, skill, prudence, and diligence” that would be expected in managing a plan of similar scope. 29 U.S.C. § 1104(a)(1)(B). These twin fiduciary duties are “the highest known to the law.” *Kujanek v. Houston Poly Bag I Ltd.*, 658 F.3d 483 at 489 (5<sup>th</sup> Circuit 2011), *Martin on Behalf of Cal-Tex Protective Coatings v. Frail*, 2011 WL 13175089 at \*14 (W.D. Tex. 2011), *Main v. American Airlines Inc.*, 248 F.Supp.3d 786 at 792 (N.D. Tex. 2017).

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<sup>2</sup>The Class Period, as will be discussed in more detail below, is defined as April 30, 2015 through December 31, 2018.

<sup>3</sup> In 2019, the Plan changed its name from the United Surgical Partners International, Inc. 401(k) Plan to the Tenet Healthcare Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (“Tenet Plan”), with the Tenet Plan being the surviving Plan. This change reflects Tenet’s incremental acquisition of United Surgical which began in 2015 with a 50.1% interest and which finally became a 95% ownership interest in 2019. Based on Tenet’s ownership percentage of United Surgical throughout the Class Period, United Surgical was and is currently a wholly owned subsidiary of Tenet. Accordingly, the name of the Committee in 2020 is the Retirement Plan Administration Committee of Tenet Healthcare (“RPAC”), however, the exact name of this Committee in 2018 and prior years is not known but is generally referred to herein as the Retirement Plan Administration Committee of United Surgical Partners International, Inc. but it may have had this or another similar name and a similar function, as will be described in more detail below, during the Class Period and both will be referred to herein as the Committee.

3. The Department of Labor has explicitly stated that employers are held to a “high standard of care and diligence” and must, among other duties, both “establish a prudent process for selecting investment options and service providers” and “monitor investment options and service providers once selected to see that they continue to be appropriate choices.” *See*, “*A Look at 401(k) Plan Fees*,” *supra*, at n.3; *see also Tibble v. Edison Int’l*, 135 S. Ct. 1823, 1823 (2015) (*Tibble I*) (reaffirming the ongoing fiduciary duty to monitor a plan’s investment options).

4. Under 29 U.S.C. § 1104(a)(1), a plan fiduciary must give substantial consideration to the cost of investment options. “Wasting beneficiaries’ money is imprudent. In devising and implementing strategies for the investment and management of trust assets, trustees are obligated to minimize costs.” Uniform Prudent Investor Act (the “UPIA”), § 7.

5. “The Restatement ... instructs that ‘cost-conscious management is fundamental to prudence in the investment function,’ and should be applied ‘not only in making investments but also in monitoring and reviewing investments.’” *Tibble v. Edison Int’l*, 843 F.3d 1187, 1197-98 (9th Cir. 2016) (*en banc*) (quoting Restatement (Third) of Trusts, § 90, cmt. b) (“*Tibble II*”).<sup>4</sup>

6. Additional fees of only 0.18% or 0.4% can have a large effect on a participant’s investment results over time because “[b]eneficiaries subject to higher fees ... lose not only money spent on higher fees, but also lost investment opportunity; that is, the money that the portion of their investment spent on unnecessary fees would have earned over time.” *Tibble II*, 843 F.3d at 1198 (“It is beyond dispute that the higher the fees charged to a beneficiary, the more the beneficiary’s investment shrinks.”).

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<sup>4</sup> *See also* U.S. Dep’t of Labor, *A Look at 401(k) Plan Fees*, (Aug. 2013), at 2, available at <https://www.dol.gov/sites/dolgov/files/ebsa/about-ebsa/our-activities/resource-center/publications/a-look-at-401k-plan-fees.pdf> (last visited February 16, 2021) (“You should be aware that your employer also has a specific obligation to consider the fees and expenses paid by your plan.”).

7. Most participants in 401(k) plans expect that their 401(k) accounts will be their principal source of income after retirement. Although at all times 401(k) accounts are fully funded, that does not prevent plan participants from losing money on poor investment choices by plan sponsors and fiduciaries, whether due to poor performance, high fees or both.

8. Prudent and impartial plan sponsors thus should be monitoring both the performance and cost of the investments selected for their 401(k) plans, as well as investigating alternatives in the marketplace to ensure that well-performing, low cost investment options are being made available to plan participants.

9. At all times during the Class Period (April 30, 2015 through December 31, 2018) the Plan had at least 290 million dollars in assets under management. At the end of 2017 and 2018, the Plan had over 455 million dollars in assets under management that were/are entrusted to the care of the Plan's fiduciaries.

10. The Plan's assets under management qualifies it as a large plan in the defined contribution plan marketplace, and among the largest plans in the United States. As a large plan, the Plan had substantial bargaining power regarding the fees and expenses that were charged against participants' investments. Defendants, however, did not try to reduce the Plan's expenses or exercise appropriate judgment to scrutinize each investment option that was offered in the Plan to ensure it was prudent.

11. Plaintiffs allege that during the putative Class Period Defendants, as "fiduciaries" of the Plan, as that term is defined under ERISA § 3(21)(A), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A), breached the duties they owed to the Plan, to Plaintiffs, and to the other participants of the Plan by, *inter alia*, (1) failing to objectively and adequately review the Plan's investment portfolio with due care to ensure that each investment option was prudent, in terms of cost; and (2) maintaining certain funds in the Plan despite the availability of identical or similar investment options with lower costs

and/or better performance histories; and (3) failing to control the Plan's administrative and recordkeeping costs.

12. Defendants' mismanagement of the Plan, to the detriment of participants and beneficiaries, constitutes a breach of the fiduciary duty of prudence in violation of 29 U.S.C. § 1104. Their actions were contrary to actions of a reasonable fiduciary and cost the Plan and its participants millions of dollars.

13. Based on this conduct, Plaintiffs assert claims against Defendants for breach of the fiduciary duty of prudence (Count One) and failure to monitor fiduciaries (Count Two).

## **II. JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

14. This Court has subject matter jurisdiction over this action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 because it is a civil action arising under the laws of the United States, and pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1332(e)(1), which provides for federal jurisdiction of actions brought under Title I of ERISA, 29 U.S.C. § 1001, *et seq.*

15. This Court has personal jurisdiction over Defendants because they transact business in this District, reside in this District, and/or have significant contacts with this District, and because ERISA provides for nationwide service of process.

16. Venue is proper in this District pursuant to ERISA § 502(e)(2), 29 U.S.C. § 1132(e)(2), because some or all of the violations of ERISA occurred in this District and Defendants reside and may be found in this District. Venue is also proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1391 because Defendants do business in this District and a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claims asserted herein occurred within this District.

## **III. PARTIES**

### **Plaintiffs**

17. Plaintiff, Amanda Perkins (“Perkins”), resides in St. Peter, Missouri. During her employment, Plaintiff Perkins participated in the Plan investing in the options offered by the Plan and which are the subject of this lawsuit.

18. Plaintiff, Heather C. Holst (“Holst”), resides in Riverview, Florida. During her employment, Plaintiff Holst participated in the Plan investing in the options offered by the Plan and which are the subject of this lawsuit.

19. Plaintiff, Terry J. Williams (“Williams”), resides in Garland, Texas. During his employment, Plaintiff Williams participated in the Plan investing in the options offered by the Plan and which are the subject of this lawsuit.

20. Plaintiff, Tanya C. Standifer (“Standifer”), resides in Sandy Spring, Georgia. During her employment, Plaintiff Standifer participated in the Plan investing in the options offered by the Plan and which are the subject of this lawsuit.

21. Plaintiff, Karley Mayhill (“Mayhill”), resides in Edwardsville, Illinois. During her employment, Plaintiff Mayhill participated in the Plan investing in the options offered by the Plan and which are the subject of this lawsuit.

22. Each Plaintiff has standing to bring this action on behalf of the Plan because each of them participated in the Plan and were injured by Defendants’ unlawful conduct. Plaintiffs are entitled to receive benefits in the amount of the difference between the value of their accounts currently, or as of the time their accounts were distributed, and what their accounts are or would have been worth, but for Defendants’ breaches of fiduciary duty as described herein.

23. Plaintiffs did not have knowledge of all material facts (including, among other things, the investment alternatives that are comparable to the investments offered within the Plan, comparisons of the costs and investment performance of Plan investments versus available alternatives within similarly-sized plans, total cost comparisons to similarly-sized plans,

information regarding other available identical funds, and information regarding the availability and pricing of collective trusts) necessary to understand that Defendants breached their fiduciary duties and engaged in other unlawful conduct in violation of ERISA until shortly before this suit was filed.

## **Defendants**

### **Company Defendant**

24. United Surgical was the Plan sponsor and a named fiduciary during the Class Period which had a principal place of business during the Class Period as 15305 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1600, Addison, TX 75001. It's address for service of process is currently that of the Tenet Healthcare Corporation ("Tenet") because United is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tenet. The December 31, 2020 Form 10-K of the Tenet Healthcare Corporation ("Tenet Annual Report") at Page 30 of Exhibit 21. Tenet's address for service of process, as the Plan Administrator, is 14201 Dallas Parkway, Dallas, Texas 75254. The December 31, 2019 Form 5500 of the Tenet Healthcare Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan filed with the United States Department of Labor ("2019 Form 5500") at 1.

25. United Surgical describes itself as "the largest ambulatory surgery platform in the country."<sup>5</sup> United Surgical currently employs more than 21,000 employees in 30 States across the Country. *Id.*

26. United Surgical appointed the Committee to, among other things, ensure that the investments available to Plan participants are appropriate, had no more expense than reasonable and performed well as compared to their peers. The Summary Plan Description of the Tenet Healthcare Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan dated January 1, 2020 ("SPD") at 26 and

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<sup>5</sup> <https://www.uspi.com/about-us.aspx> last accessed on April 5, 2021.

43. Under ERISA, fiduciaries with the power to appoint have the concomitant fiduciary duty to monitor and supervise their appointees.

27. Accordingly, the Company had a concomitant fiduciary duty to monitor and supervise those appointees.

28. Accordingly, United Surgical during the putative Class Period is/was a fiduciary of the Plan, within the meaning of ERISA Section 3(21)(A), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A) because it exercised discretionary authority to appoint and/or monitor the other fiduciaries, which had control over Plan management and/or authority or control over management or disposition of Plan assets.

**Board Defendants**

29. United Surgical, acting through its Board of Directors, appointed the Committee to, among other things, ensure that the investments available to Plan participants are appropriate, had no more expense than reasonable and performed well as compared to their peers. *Id.* Under ERISA, fiduciaries with the power to appoint have the concomitant fiduciary duty to monitor and supervise their appointees.

30. Accordingly, each member of the Board during the putative Class Period (referred to herein as John Does 1-10) is/was a fiduciary of the Plan, within the meaning of ERISA Section 3(21)(A), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A) because each exercised discretionary authority to appoint and/or monitor the other fiduciaries, which had control over Plan management and/or authority or control over management or disposition of Plan assets.

31. The Board and the unnamed members of the Board during the Class Period (referred to herein as John Does 1-10), are collectively referred to herein as the “Board Defendants.”

**Committee Defendants**



32. As discussed above, the Committee ensures that the investments available to Plan participants are appropriate, had no more expense than reasonable and performed well as compared to their peers. *Id.*

33. The Committee and each of its members were fiduciaries of the Plan during the Class Period, within the meaning of ERISA Section 3(21)(A), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A) because each exercised discretionary authority over management or disposition of Plan assets.

34. The Committee and unnamed members of the Committee during the Class Period (referred to herein as John Does 11-20), are collectively referred to herein as the “Committee Defendants.”

#### **Additional John Doe Defendants**

35. To the extent that there are additional officers, employees and/or contractors of United Surgical who are/were fiduciaries of the Plan during the Class Period, or were hired as an investment manager for the Plan during the Class Period, the identities of whom are currently unknown to Plaintiffs, Plaintiffs reserve the right, once their identities are ascertained, to seek leave to join them to the instant action. Thus, without limitation, unknown “John Doe” Defendants 21-30 include, but are not limited to, United Surgical officers, employees and/or contractors who are/were fiduciaries of the Plan within the meaning of ERISA Section 3(21)(A), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A) during the Class Period.

#### **IV. CLASS ACTION ALLEGATIONS**

36. Plaintiffs bring this action as a class action pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of themselves and the following proposed class (“Class”):<sup>6</sup>

All persons, except Defendants and their immediate family members, who were participants in or beneficiaries of the

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<sup>6</sup> Plaintiffs reserve the right to propose other or additional classes or subclasses in their motion for class certification or subsequent pleadings in this action.

Plan, at any time between April 30, 2015 through December 31, 2018 (the “Class Period”).

37. The members of the Class are so numerous that joinder of all members is impractical. The 2018 Form 5500 lists 16,605 Plan “participants with account balances as of the end of the plan year.” 2018 Form 5500 at 2.

38. Plaintiffs’ claims are typical of the claims of the members of the Class. Like other Class members, Plaintiffs participated in the Plan and have suffered injuries as a result of Defendants’ mismanagement of the Plan. Defendants treated Plaintiffs consistently with other Class members and managed the Plan as a single entity. Plaintiffs’ claims and the claims of all Class members arise out of the same conduct, policies, and practices of Defendants as alleged herein, and all members of the Class have been similarly affected by Defendants’ wrongful conduct.

39. There are questions of law and fact common to the Class, and these questions predominate over questions affecting only individual Class members. Common legal and factual questions include, but are not limited to:

- A. Whether Defendants are/were fiduciaries of the Plan;
- B. Whether Defendants breached their fiduciary duty of prudence by engaging in the conduct described herein;
- C. Whether the Defendants responsible for appointing other fiduciaries failed to adequately monitor their appointees to ensure the Plan was being managed in compliance with ERISA;
- D. The proper form of equitable and injunctive relief; and
- E. The proper measure of monetary relief.

40. Plaintiffs will fairly and adequately represent the Class and have retained counsel experienced and competent in the prosecution of ERISA class action litigation. Plaintiffs have no

interests antagonistic to those of other members of the Class. Plaintiffs are committed to the vigorous prosecution of this action and anticipate no difficulty in the management of this litigation as a class action.

41. This action may be properly certified under Rule 23(b)(1). Class action status in this action is warranted under Rule 23(b)(1)(A) because prosecution of separate actions by the members of the Class would create a risk of establishing incompatible standards of conduct for Defendants. Class action status is also warranted under Rule 23(b)(1)(B) because prosecution of separate actions by the members of the Class would create a risk of adjudications with respect to individual members of the Class that, as a practical matter, would be dispositive of the interests of other members not parties to this action, or that would substantially impair or impede their ability to protect their interests.

42. In the alternative, certification under Rule 23(b)(2) is warranted because the Defendants have acted or refused to act on grounds generally applicable to the Class, thereby making appropriate final injunctive, declaratory, or other appropriate equitable relief with respect to the Class as a whole.

## **V. THE PLAN**

43. The Plan was established Effective February 1, 1999. The December 31, 2018 Report of the Independent Auditor for the United Surgical Partners International, Inc. 401(k) Plan (“2018 Auditor Report”) at 5. As further described in the 2018 Auditor Report: “United Surgical Partners International, Inc. (the Company) established the Plan to provide benefits to employees of the Company.” *Id.* In 2019 the Plan changed its name to the Tenet Healthcare Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan (“Tenet Plan”) to reflect Tenet’s more than 95% ownership of United Surgical by 2019. The Tenet Healthcare Corporation 401(k) Retirement Savings Plan as Amended and Restated Effective January 1, 2020 (“Plan Doc”) at 9. However, the Class Period

relates only to the time period when the Plan remained under the United Surgical name from 2015 to the end of 2018.

44. The Plan is a “defined contribution” or “individual account” plan within the meaning of ERISA § 3(34), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(34), in that the Plan provides for individual accounts for each participant and for benefits based solely upon the amount contributed to those accounts, and any income, expense, gains and losses, and any forfeitures of accounts of the participants which may be allocated to such participant’s account. 2018 Auditor Report at 5. Consequently, retirement benefits provided by the Plan are based solely on the amounts allocated to each individual’s account. *Id.*

***Eligibility***

45. In general, regular full-time employees are eligible to participate in the Plan. 2018 Auditor Report at 5.

***Contributions***

46. There are several types of contributions that can be added to a participant’s account, including: an employee salary deferral contribution, an employee Roth 401(k) contribution, an employee after-tax contribution, catch-up contributions for employees aged 50 and over, rollover contributions, discretionary profit sharing contributions and employer matching contributions based on employee pre-tax, Roth 401(k), and employee after-tax contributions. *Id.*

47. With regard to employee contributions, “participants could contribute up to 50% of pretax annual compensation, as defined in the Plan document.” *Id.* United Surgical could have decided to make matching contributions to the Plan on behalf of their employees. As detailed in the 2018 Auditor Report: “[t]he Company could elect to make discretionary matching contributions to the Plan. The Company matched 50% of employee contributions, of each participant’s contribution on the first 6% of eligible compensation deferred to the Plan.” *Id.*

48. Like other companies that sponsor 401(k) plans for their employees, United Surgical enjoys both direct and indirect benefits by providing matching contributions to Plan participants. Employers are generally permitted to take tax deductions for their contributions to 401(k) plans at the time when the contributions are made. *See generally*, <https://www.irs.gov/retirement-plans/plan-sponsor/401k-plan-overview>.

49. United Surgical and its clients also benefit in other ways from the Plan's matching program. It is well-known that "[o]ffering retirement plans can help in employers' efforts to attract new employees and reduce turnover." *See*, <https://www.paychex.com/articles/employee-benefits/employer-matching-401k-benefits>.

50. Given the size of the Plan, United Surgical likely enjoyed a significant tax and cost savings from offering a match.

#### ***Vesting***

51. Participants are immediately vested in their own contributions made to the Plan. 2018 Auditor Report at 6. With regard to contributions made by United Surgical, participants are subject to a four year vesting schedule before those contributions are considered earned. *Id.*

#### ***The Plan's Investments***

52. In theory, the Committee responsibilities include selection and monitoring of the funds available for investment in the Plan. However, the Committee must carry out this fiduciary responsibility for the exclusive benefit of the plan participants and beneficiaries. But in practice, as alleged below, that is not what happened.

53. Several funds were available to Plan participants for investment each year during the putative Class Period. Specifically, a participant may direct all contributions to selected investments as made available and determined by the Committee. SPD at 26 and 43.

54. The Plan's assets under management for all funds as of December 31, 2018 was \$455,880,455. 2018 Auditor Report at 3.

***Payment of Plan Expenses***

55. During the Class Period, administrative expenses were paid for using Plan assets. As described in the 2018 Auditor Report: "[p]articipant accounts were charged with an allocation of administrative expenses that were paid by the Plan." 2018 Auditor Report at 5.

**VI. THE PLAN'S FEES DURING THE CLASS PERIOD WERE UNREASONABLE**

56. As described in the "Parties" section above, Defendants were fiduciaries of the Plan.

57. ERISA "imposes a 'prudent person' standard by which to measure fiduciaries' investment decisions and disposition of assets." *Fifth Third Bancorp v. Dudenhoeffer*, 134 S. Ct. 2459, 2467 (2014) (quotation omitted). In addition to a duty to select prudent investments, under ERISA a fiduciary "has a continuing duty to monitor [plan] investments and remove imprudent ones" that exists "separate and apart from the [fiduciary's] duty to exercise prudence in selecting investments." *Tibble I*, 135 S. Ct. at 1828.

58. Defendants' breaches of their fiduciary duties, relating to their overall decision-making, resulted in the selection (and maintenance) of several funds in the Plan throughout the Class Period that wasted the assets of the Plan and the assets of participants because of unnecessary costs. Defendants also failed to monitor and curtail the unreasonable costs incurred by the Plan.

**A. The Totality of Circumstances Demonstrate that the Plan Fiduciaries Failed to Administer the Plan in a Prudent Manner**

**(1) The Plan's Total Plan Costs Were the Highest in its Peer Group**

59. "Many types of services are required to operate a [defined contribution] plan, including administrative services (*e.g.*, recordkeeping and transaction processing), participant-focused services (*e.g.*, participant communication, education, or advice), regulatory and

compliance services (e.g., plan document services; consulting, accounting, and audit services; and legal advice), and investment management.”<sup>7</sup>

60. “In order to better understand the impact of fees,” BrightScope, a leading plan retirement industry analyst, “developed a total plan cost measure that includes all fees on the audited Form 5500 reports as well as fees paid through investment expense ratios.” The Brightscope/ICI Defined Contribution Plan Profile: A Close Look at 401(k) Plans, 2017 (“ICI Study”) at 55 available at [https://www.ici.org/pdf/20\\_ppr\\_dcplan\\_profile\\_401k.pdf](https://www.ici.org/pdf/20_ppr_dcplan_profile_401k.pdf).

61. Costs are, of course, important because “[t]he lower your costs, the greater your share of an investment’s return.” Vanguard’s Principles for Investing Success, at 17.<sup>8</sup>

62. One indication that the Plan was poorly run is its dismal ranking among peers when comparing total plan costs. As of 2018, the Plan is ranked by BrightScope as having one of the highest overall plan costs of any Plan with between 100 million and 500 million dollars in assets under management.<sup>9</sup> In fact, BrightScope finds that the average participant would have to work an additional 17 years and will have lost at least \$84,000 as a result of the Plan’s high costs. *Id.*

63. According to the ICI Study, the median total plan cost for a plan between 250 million dollars and 500 million dollars is 0.43% of total assets in a plan. ICI Study at 57. Here, the total plan costs during the Class Period ranged from a high of 0.82% in 2018 to a low of 0.79% in 2016. There’s little question the Plan was paying at least 83% more in total plan costs than its peers. These excessive costs should have been addressed by the Defendants during the Class

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<sup>7</sup> See BrightScope/ICI Defined Contribution Plan Profile: *A Close Look at 401(k) Plans, 2017* at 55 (August 2020) (hereafter, “ICI Study”) available at [https://www.ici.org/pdf/20\\_ppr\\_dcplan\\_profile\\_401k.pdf](https://www.ici.org/pdf/20_ppr_dcplan_profile_401k.pdf)

<sup>8</sup> Available at <https://about.vanguard.com/what-sets-vanguard-apart/principles-for-investing-success>

<sup>9</sup> <https://www.brightscope.com/401k-rating/112914/Icon-Clinical-Research-Llc/114608/Icon-Clinical-Research-Llc-401K-Plan> last accessed on March 3, 2021.

Period, but, again, this is something the Defendants failed to do to the great detriment of Plan participants.

**(2) The Plan's Recordkeeping and Administrative Costs Were Excessive During the Class Period**

64. Another result of Defendants' imprudent process was the excessive recordkeeping and administrative fees Plan participants were required to pay to the Plan's recordkeeper, Transamerica, during the Class Period.

65. Long-standing DOL guidance explicitly states that employers are held to a "high standard of care and diligence" and must, among other duties, both "establish a prudent process for selecting ... service providers" and "monitor ... service providers once selected to see that they continue to be appropriate choices." *See, "A Look at 401(k) Plan Fees," supra*, at n.3.

66. The Restatement of Trusts also puts cost-conscious management above all else while administering a retirement plan. *Tibble*, 843 F.3d at 1197-98.

67. The term "recordkeeping" is a catchall term for the suite of administrative services typically provided to a defined contribution plan by the plan's "recordkeeper." Nearly all recordkeepers in the marketplace offer the same range of services and can provide the services at very little cost. In fact, several of the services, such as managed account services, self-directed brokerage, Qualified Domestic Relations Order processing, and loan processing are often a profit center for recordkeepers.

68. Recordkeeping expenses can either be paid directly from plan assets, or indirectly by the plan's investments in a practice known as revenue sharing (or a combination of both or by a plan sponsor). Revenue sharing payments are payments made by investments within the plan, typically mutual funds, to the plan's recordkeeper or to the plan directly, to compensate for recordkeeping and trustee services that the mutual fund company otherwise would have to provide.



69. Although utilizing a revenue sharing approach is not *per se* imprudent, unchecked, it is devastating for Plan participants. “At worst, revenue sharing is a way to hide fees. Nobody sees the money change hands, and very few understand what the total investment expense pays for. It’s a way to milk large sums of money out of large plans by charging a percentage-based fee that never goes down (when plans are ignored or taken advantage of). In some cases, employers and employees believe the plan is ‘free’ when it is in fact expensive.” Justin Pritchard, “Revenue Sharing and Invisible Fees” available at <http://www.cccandc.com/p/revenue-sharing-and-invisible-fees> (last visited March 19, 2020).

70. In this matter, using revenue sharing to pay for recordkeeping resulted in a worst-case scenario for the Plan’s participants because it saddled Plan participants with above-market recordkeeping fees.

71. As demonstrated in the chart below, the Plan’s per participant administrative and recordkeeping fees were astronomical when benchmarked against similar plans.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Participants</b>	<b>Direct Costs</b>	<b>Indirect Costs</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$PP</b>
2018	16605	\$328,716	\$1,304,352	\$1,633,068	\$98.35
2017	15629	\$84,043	\$1,240,948	\$1,324,991	\$84.78
2016	14663	\$66,822	\$978,413	\$1,045,235	\$71.28
2015	11855	\$57,491	\$844,504	\$901,995	\$76.09

72. By way of comparison, we can look at what other plans paid for recordkeeping and administrative costs during the same time period.

73. The Plan had over 15,000 participants making it eligible for some of the lowest fees on the market.

74. NEPC, a consulting group, which recently conducted its 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Survey titled the NEPC 2019 Defined Contribution Progress Report, which took a survey of various defined contribution plan fees.<sup>10</sup> The sample size and respondents included 121 Defined Contribution

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<sup>10</sup> Available at <https://www.nepc.com/insights/2019-dc-plan-and-fee-survey>.

Plans broken up as follows: 71% Corporate; 20% Healthcare, and 9% Public, Not-for-Profit and other. The average plan had \$1.1 billion in assets and 12,437 participants. The median plan had \$512 million in assets and 5,440 participants. *See*, Report at 1.

75. NEPC's survey found that *no plan* with over 15,000 participants paid more than \$69 per participant in recordkeeping and administrative fees. Report at 10. However, only 5% of the Plans surveyed paid \$69 which is a maximum paid by any Plan with over 15,000 participants and itself should be considered high. *Id.* The average plan paid no more than \$40 in record keeping and administrative fees. *Id.* The Plan's failure to control these fees has cost the plan participants millions of dollars in lost savings.

76. Given the size of the Plan's assets during the Class Period and the total number of participants in addition to the general trend towards lower recordkeeping expenses in the marketplace as a whole, the Plan could have obtained recordkeeping services that were comparable to or superior to the typical services provided by the Plan's recordkeeper at a lower cost.

77. Additionally, because Plan participants were paying more for recordkeeping than they should have as a result of the Plan fiduciaries' conduct, this confirms that the use of higher-cost share classes cannot be justified as a prudent means to pay recordkeeping and administrative costs via revenue sharing.

78. Moreover, despite the amount of revenue sharing charged by the Plan, there is no indication that the Plan's fiduciaries returned the revenue sharing collected from the Plan's investments back to the Plan's participants as they should have.

**(3) There Was Little to No Change in Plan Investment Options for the Entirety of the Class Period**

79. Another indication of Defendants' failure to prudently monitor the Plan's funds is that the Plan retained 11 mutual funds which have remained unchanged since 2013. As of 2018, these 11 funds harbored more than 256 million dollars in participant assets. These 11 funds

remained as investment options since 2013 despite the fact that these funds charged grossly excessive fees compared with identical, comparable and/or superior alternatives, and despite ample evidence available to a reasonable fiduciary that the costs associated with these funds were imprudently high. The following funds in the Plan stayed unchanged from 2013 to 2018:

<b>Fund in the Plan 2018</b>	<b>Years in Plan</b>	<b>Assets Under Management</b>
T Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund ADV	Since 2013	\$54,265,870
T Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund ADV	Since 2013	\$43,177,251
T Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund ADV	Since 2013	\$29,574,060
PIMCO Total Return Fund; Admin	Since 2013	\$23,436,438
Principal MidCap Fund R5	Since 2013	\$12,950,524
T Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund ADV	Since 2013	\$5,026,186
JPMorgan Small Cap Growth Fund R5	Since 2013	\$18,722,383
Franklin Rising Dividends Fund ADV	Since 2013	\$11,637,069
T Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Fund ADV	Since 2013	\$1,274,704
Victory Sycamore Established Value Fund I	Since 2013	\$15,999,513
State St S&P 500 Idx Sec Lending VII	Since 2013	\$30,198,608
STATE ST S&P MD CP IDX NL F (G)	Since 2013	\$3,769,265
BlackRock Global Allocation Instl	Since 2013	\$6,632,271
<b>Total:</b>		<b>\$256,664,142</b>

80. Out of the 23 funds in the Plan in 2018, 11 of them, or 47%, remained unchanged since 2013. Failure to remove or change imprudent funds to less expensive share classes or cheaper cost structures over the course of several years is a clear indication that Defendants were not monitoring the Plan's funds as they should have been.

**(4) Many of the Plan's Funds had Investment Management Fees In Excess of Fees for Funds in Similarly-Sized Plans**

81. Another indication of Defendants' failure to prudently monitor the Plan's funds is that several of the mutual funds during the Class Period were more expensive than comparable funds found in similarly sized plans (plans having between 250 million and 500 million in assets). By the end of 2018, the Plan had \$455,880,455 in assets.

82. In 2018, all 18 of the mutual funds in the Plan were more expensive than comparable mutual funds found in similarly sized plans. And, as discussed above, 11 of these funds remained unchanged since 2013. The expense ratios for funds in the Plan in some cases were up to **171%** (in the case of T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Advisor) and up to **102%** (in the case of JPMorgan Small Cap Growth I) above the median expense ratios in the same category: <sup>11</sup>

<b>ICI Median Chart</b>			
<b>Current Fund</b>	<b>2021 Exp Ratio</b>	<b>Investment Style</b>	<b>ICI Median</b>
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Advisor	0.90%	Target-date	0.35%
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Advisor	0.95%	Target-date	0.35%
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Advisor	0.83%	Target-date	0.35%
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	0.80%	Domestic equity	0.49%
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Advisor	0.96%	Target-date	0.35%
PIMCO Total Return Admin	0.96%	Domestic Bond	0.44%
JPMorgan Small Cap Growth I	0.99%	Domestic equity	0.49%
Invesco Oppenheimer International Gr Y	0.85%	International Equity	0.55%
Hartford MidCap Y	0.79%	Domestic equity	0.49%
Invesco Comstock Y	0.56%	Domestic equity	0.49%
Victory Sycamore Established Value I	0.60%	Domestic equity	0.49%
Principal MidCap RS	0.85%	Domestic equity	0.49%
Franklin Rising Dividends Adv	0.62%	Domestic equity	0.49%
Deutsch Small Cap Core Fund - S	0.89%	Domestic equity	0.49%
T. Rowe Price Retirement Balanced Adv	0.75%	Target-date	0.35%
BlackRock Global Allocation Instl	0.80%	Non-target date Balanced	0.35%
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Advisor	0.77%	Target-date	0.35%

<sup>11</sup> See BrightScope/ICI Defined Contribution Plan Profile: A Close Look at 401(k) Plans, 2017 at 55 (August 2020) (hereafter, “ICI Study”) available at [https://www.ici.org/pdf/20\\_ppr\\_dcplan\\_profile\\_401k.pdf](https://www.ici.org/pdf/20_ppr_dcplan_profile_401k.pdf)

<b>ICI Median Chart</b>			
<b>Current Fund</b>	<b>2021 Exp Ratio</b>	<b>Investment Style</b>	<b>ICI Median</b>
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Advisor	0.96%	Target-date	0.35%

83. The high cost of the Plan's funds is even more stark when comparing the Plan's funds to the average fees of funds in similarly-sized plans:

<b>ICI Average Chart</b>			
<b>Current Fund</b>	<b>2021 Exp Ratio</b>	<b>Investment Style</b>	<b>ICI Average</b>
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Advisor	0.90%	Target-date	0.38%
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Advisor	0.95%	Target-date	0.38%
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2020 Advisor	0.83%	Target-date	0.38%
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth	0.80%	Domestic equity	0.44%
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Advisor	0.96%	Target-date	0.38%
PIMCO Total Return Admin	0.96%	Domestic Bond	0.35%
JPMorgan Small Cap Growth I	0.99%	Domestic equity	0.44%
Invesco Oppenheimer International Gr Y	0.85%	International Equity	0.60%
Hartford MidCap Y	0.79%	Domestic equity	0.44%
Invesco Comstock Y	0.56%	Domestic equity	0.38%
Victory Sycamore Established Value I	0.60%	Domestic equity	0.38%
Principal MidCap RS	0.85%	Domestic equity	0.38%
Franklin Rising Dividends Adv	0.62%	Domestic equity	0.38%
Deutsch Small Cap Core Fund - S	0.89%	Domestic equity	0.38%
T. Rowe Price Retirement Balanced Adv	0.75%	Target-date	0.38%
BlackRock Global Allocation Instl	0.80%	Non-target date Balanced	0.42%
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Advisor	0.77%	Target-date	0.38%
T. Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Advisor	0.96%	Target-date	0.38%

84. Although a good gauge of Defendants' imprudence, median-based and average-based comparisons still understate the excessiveness of the investment management fees of the Plan funds because many prudent alternative funds were available (which Defendants failed to consider) that offered lower expenses than the median and average fees.

85. The above comparisons understate the excessiveness of fees in the Plan throughout the Class Period. That is because the ICI Median fee is based on a study conducted in 2017 when expense ratios would have been higher than today given the downward trend of expense ratios the last few years. Indeed, the ICI median expense ratio for target date funds for plans with between 250 million dollars and 500 million dollars in assets was .58 using 2016 data<sup>12</sup> compared with .35% in 2017. Accordingly, the median expense ratios in 2021 utilized by similar plans would be lower than indicated above, demonstrating a greater disparity between the 2021 expense ratios utilized in the above chart for the Plan's current funds and the median expense ratios in the same category.

**(5) Several of the Plan's Funds Were Not in the Lowest Fee Share Class Available to the Plan**

86. Another fiduciary breach stemming from Defendants' flawed investment monitoring system resulted in the failure to identify available lower-cost share classes of many of the funds in the Plan during the Class Period.

87. Many mutual funds offer multiple classes of shares in a single mutual fund that are targeted at different investors. There is no difference between share classes other than cost—the funds hold identical investments and have the same manager. Because the institutional share classes are otherwise *identical* to the Investor share classes, but with lower fees, a prudent fiduciary would know immediately that a switch is necessary. *Tibble*, 2017 WL 3523737, at \* 13.

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<sup>12</sup> See BrightScope/ICI Defined Contribution Plan Profile: *A Close Look at 401(k) Plans*, 2016 at 62 (June 2019) (hereafter, "2016 ICI Study") available at [https://www.ici.org/pdf/19\\_ppr\\_dcplan\\_profile\\_401k.pdf](https://www.ici.org/pdf/19_ppr_dcplan_profile_401k.pdf).

88. Generally, more expensive share classes are targeted at smaller investors with less bargaining power, while lower cost shares are targeted at institutional investors with more assets. Qualifying for lower share classes usually requires only a minimum of a million dollars for individual funds. However, it is common knowledge that investment minimums are often waived for large plans like the Plan. *Sweda v. Univ. of Pennsylvania*, 923 F.3d 320, 329 (3d Cir. 2019) (citing *Tibble II*, 729 F.3d at 1137 n.24).

89. Here, 15 of the 18 mutual funds in the Plan in 2018 or more than 83% of the funds in the Plan in 2018 were not in the lowest share class and, as discussed above, 9 of these funds have remained unchanged since 2013. In 2018, the total assets under management for these funds was more than 314 million dollars thus easily qualifying them for lower share classes. The following is a list of these funds and their assets under management as of the end of 2018:

<b>Fund in the Plan</b>	<b>2018 Assets Under Management</b>
T Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund ADV	\$54,265,870.00
T Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund ADV	\$43,177,251.00
T Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund ADV	\$29,574,060.00
PIMCO Total Return Fund; Admin	\$23,436,438.00
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund	\$36,190,864.00
Invesco Oppen International Growth Y	\$17,758,437.00
Principal MidCap Fund R5	\$12,950,524.00
T Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund ADV	\$5,026,186.00
JPMorgan Small Cap Growth Fund R5	\$18,722,383.00
Invesco Comstock Fund Y	\$17,340,265.00
Franklin Rising Dividends Fund ADV	\$11,637,069.00
Hartford MidCap Fund Y	\$17,634,303.00
T Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Fund ADV	\$1,274,704.00
DWS Small Cap Core Fund S	\$9,499,673.00

<b>Fund in the Plan</b>	<b>2018 Assets Under Management</b>
Victory Sycamore Established Value Fund I	\$15,999,513.00
<b>Total:</b>	\$314,487,540.00

90. In several instances during the Class Period, Defendants failed to prudently monitor the Plan to determine whether the Plan was invested in the lowest-cost share class available for the Plan's mutual funds.

91. The below chart uses 2021 expense ratios to demonstrate cost differentials between the applicable mutual funds and the cheaper identical shares:

<b>Fund in the Plan</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>Less Expensive Share Class</b>	<b>Less Expensive ER</b>	<b>Excess Cost</b>
T Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund ADV	0.90%	T Rowe Price Retirement 2030 Fund I	0.49%	84%
T Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund ADV	0.95%	T Rowe Price Retirement 2040 Fund I	0.51%	86%
T Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund ADV	0.96%	T Rowe Price Retirement 2050 Fund I	0.52%	85%
PIMCO Total Return Fund; Admin	0.96%	PIMCO Total Return Fund I	0.71%	35%
Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund	0.80%	Fidelity Blue Chip Growth Fund K	0.70%	14%
Invesco Oppen International Growth Y	0.85%	Invesco Oppen International Growth R	0.69%	23%
Principal MidCap Fund R5	0.85%	Principal MidCap Fund I	0.69%	23%
T Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund ADV	0.77%	T Rowe Price Retirement 2010 Fund I	0.37%	108%
JPMorgan Small Cap Growth Fund R5	0.84%	JPMorgan Small Cap Growth R6	0.74%	14%
Invesco Comstock Fund Y	0.49%	Invesco Comstock Fund R6	0.40%	23%
Franklin Rising Dividends Fund ADV	0.62%	Franklin Rising Dividends Fund Class R6 Shares	0.53%	17%
Hartford MidCap Fund Y	0.79%	Hartford MidCap Fund R6	0.75%	5%
T Rowe Price Retirement 2060 Fund ADV	0.96%	T Rowe Price Retirement 2060 I	0.52%	85%



<b>Fund in the Plan</b>	<b>ER</b>	<b>Less Expensive Share Class</b>	<b>Less Expensive ER</b>	<b>Excess Cost</b>
DWS Small Cap Core Fund S	0.89%	DWS Small Cap Core I	0.84%	6%
Victory Sycamore Established Value Fund I	0.60%	Victory Sycamore Established Value R6	0.58%	3%

92. The above is for illustrative purposes only. At all times during the Class Period, Defendants knew or should have known of the existence of cheaper share classes and therefore also should have immediately identified the prudence of transferring the Plan's funds into these alternative investments.

93. There is no good-faith explanation for utilizing high-cost share classes when lower-cost share classes are available for the exact same investment. Because the more expensive share classes chosen by Defendants were the same in every respect other than price to their less expensive counterparts, the more expensive share class funds *could not have* (1) a potential for higher return, (2) lower financial risk, (3) more services offered, (4) or greater management flexibility. In short, the Plan did not receive any additional services or benefits based on its use of more expensive share classes; the only consequence was higher costs for Plan participants.

94. In other words, given the size of the Plan, Defendants made investments with higher costs (higher expense ratios) available to participants while the same investments with lower costs (lower expense ratios) were available to the detriment of the compounding returns that participants should have received. This reduced the likelihood that Plan participants would achieve their preferred lifestyle in retirement.

**FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
**Breaches of Fiduciary Duty of Prudence**  
**(Asserted against the Committee)**

95. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate herein by reference all prior allegations in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

96. At all relevant times, the Committee Defendants and its members (“Prudence Defendants”) were fiduciaries of the Plan within the meaning of ERISA § 3(21)(A), 29 U.S.C. § 1002(21)(A), in that they exercised discretionary authority or control over the administration and/or management of the Plan or disposition of the Plan’s assets.

97. As fiduciaries of the Plan, these Defendants were subject to the fiduciary duties imposed by ERISA § 404(a), 29 U.S.C. § 1104(a). These fiduciary duties included managing the assets of the Plan for the sole and exclusive benefit of the Plan’s participants and beneficiaries, and acting with the care, skill, diligence, and prudence under the circumstances that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims.

98. The Prudence Defendants breached these fiduciary duties in multiple respects as discussed throughout this Complaint. They did not make decisions regarding the Plan’s investment lineup based solely on the merits of each investment and what was in the best interest of the Plan’s participants. Instead, the Prudence Defendants selected and retained investment options in the Plan despite the high cost of the funds in relation to other comparable investments. The Prudence Defendants also failed to control the administrative and recordkeeping expenses of the Plan and to investigate the availability of lower-cost identical products of certain mutual funds in the Plan.

99. As a direct and proximate result of the breaches of fiduciary duties alleged herein, the Plan suffered millions of dollars of losses due to excessive costs and lower net investment returns. Had Defendants complied with their fiduciary obligations, the Plan would not have suffered these losses, and the Plan’s participants would have had more money available to them for their retirement.

100. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §§ 1109(a) and 1132(a)(2), the Prudence Defendants are liable to restore to the Plan all losses caused by their breaches of fiduciary duties, and also must

restore any profits resulting from such breaches. In addition, Plaintiffs are entitled to equitable relief and other appropriate relief for Defendants' breaches as set forth in their Prayer for Relief.

101. The Prudence Defendants knowingly participated in each breach of the other Defendants, knowing that such acts were a breach, enabled the other Defendants to commit breaches by failing to lawfully discharge such Defendant's own duties, and knew of the breaches by the other Defendants and failed to make any reasonable and timely effort under the circumstances to remedy the breaches. Accordingly, each Defendant is also liable for the breaches of its co-fiduciaries under 29 U.S.C. § 1105(a).

**SECOND CLAIM FOR RELIEF**  
**Failure to Adequately Monitor Other Fiduciaries**  
**(Asserted against the Board and United Surgical)**

102. Plaintiffs re-allege and incorporate herein by reference all prior allegations in this Complaint as if fully set forth herein.

103. The Board Defendants and United Surgical (the "Monitoring Defendants") had the authority and obligation to monitor the Committee and was aware that the Committee had critical responsibilities as a fiduciary of the Plan.

104. In light of this authority, the Monitoring Defendants had a duty to monitor the Committee and ensure that the Committee was adequately performing its fiduciary obligations, and to take prompt and effective action to protect the Plan in the event that the Committee was not fulfilling those duties.

105. The Monitoring Defendants also had a duty to ensure that the Committee possessed the needed qualifications and experience to carry out its duties; had adequate financial resources and information; maintained adequate records of the information on which it based its decisions and analysis with respect to the Plan's investments; and reported regularly to the Monitoring Defendants.

106. The Monitoring Defendants breached their fiduciary monitoring duties by, among other things:

(a) Failing to monitor and evaluate the performance of the Committee or have a system in place for doing so, standing idly by as the Plan suffered significant losses as a result of the Committee's imprudent actions and omissions;

(b) failing to monitor the processes by which the Plan's investments were evaluated and the Committee's failure to investigate the availability of identical lower-cost funds; and

(c) failing to remove the Committee as a fiduciary whose performance was inadequate in that it continued to maintain imprudent, excessively costly, and poorly performing investments within the Plan, and caused the Plan to pay excessive recordkeeping fees, all to the detriment of the Plan and the retirement savings of the Plan's participants.

107. As a consequence of the foregoing breaches of the duty to monitor, the Plan suffered millions of dollars of losses. Had Monitoring Defendants complied with their fiduciary obligations, the Plan would not have suffered these losses, and participants of the Plan would have had more money available to them for their retirement.

108. Pursuant to 29 U.S.C. §§ 1109(a) and 1132(a)(2), the Monitoring Defendants are liable to restore to the Plan all losses caused by their failure to adequately monitor the Committee. In addition, Plaintiffs are entitled to equitable relief and other appropriate relief as set forth in their Prayer for Relief.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

**WHEREFORE**, Plaintiffs pray that judgment be entered against Defendants on all claims and requests that the Court awards the following relief:

A. A determination that this action may proceed as a class action under Rule 23(b)(1), or in the alternative, Rule 23(b)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure;

B. Designation of Plaintiffs as Class Representatives and designation of Plaintiffs' counsel as Class Counsel;

C. A Declaration that the Defendants, and each of them, have breached their fiduciary duties under ERISA;

D. An Order compelling the Defendants to make good to the Plan all losses to the Plan resulting from Defendants' breaches of their fiduciary duties, including losses to the Plan resulting from imprudent investment of the Plan's assets, and to restore to the Plan all profits the Defendants made through use of the Plan's assets, and to restore to the Plan all profits which the participants would have made if the Defendants had fulfilled their fiduciary obligations;

E. An order requiring the Company Defendants to disgorge all profits received from, or in respect of, the Plan, and/or equitable relief pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(a)(3) in the form of an accounting for profits, imposition of a constructive trust, or a surcharge against the Company Defendant as necessary to effectuate said relief, and to prevent the Company Defendant's unjust enrichment;

F. Actual damages in the amount of any losses the Plan suffered, to be allocated among the participants' individual accounts in proportion to the accounts' losses;

G. An order enjoining Defendants from any further violations of their ERISA fiduciary responsibilities, obligations, and duties;

- H. Other equitable relief to redress Defendants' illegal practices and to enforce the provisions of ERISA as may be appropriate, including appointment of an independent fiduciary or fiduciaries to run the Plan and removal of Plan's fiduciaries deemed to have breached their fiduciary duties;
- I. An award of pre-judgment interest;
- J. An award of costs pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g);
- K. An award of attorneys' fees pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 1132(g) and the common fund doctrine; and
- L. Such other and further relief as the Court deems equitable and just.

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